(b) Under Art. 70 C. S. R. as amended by the 83rd list of corrections.

Social functions at the cost of the State in December 1932.

418. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) all the social functions held at the cost of the State in the month of December 1932 ;

(b) the amount of money spent for each of them ;

(c) to what heads of expenditure they were debited ;

(d) the places where the social functions were held and the buildings or premises in which they were held ;

(e) the list of those invited for each of the functions respectively ;

(f) what rule, principle or convention, social or otherwise, was followed in the preparation of the list for the various functions ;

(g) who were the officers in charge of the functions and the preparation of the list ;

(h) what directions were given them by the Government in the matter of the preparation of the list ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) A Garden Party given on the occasion of the visit of Hon: Sir Joseph Bhore.

(b) Rs. 1,925—7—8.

(c) "34. Miscellaneous—Entertainment of State Guests".

(d) The Garden Party was held at the Hill Palace.

(e) 497. No public purpose will be served by publishing the names.

(f) Members of the Ruling family, Members of the Legislative Council, important officials, prominent members of the Bar, Doctors, Businessmen, Journalists and members of other professions.

(g) The arrangements in connection with the Garden Party were with the Secretary to the Diwan and his staff. The list of guests was prepared by the Government.

(h) Does not arise in view of the answer to the latter part of sub-division (g).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(e) May I know who decided these ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether there is any harm in obliging the suggestion from this side ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not understand the question.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The answer to (e) 'is no public purpose will be served by publishing the names'. So when an Hon'ble Member from this side wants the names, is there any harm in obliging him ?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know with reference to (f) how the prominence of these gentlemen mentioned here is determined ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Every one knows the relative prominence of these gentlemen. The people are known by well-known standards.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Do they keep lists of prominent people ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are lists.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is the amount of money that these people have amassed the criterion of prominence ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The person's financial prosperity will be one of the considerations.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Who were the journalists invited ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think Mr. Satchit was one of those.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Who were the others ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Some of the editors of the other papers. There are one or two more. I think Mr. Virkey was invited.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether alterations are made in the list from time to time ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know who is in charge of making these alterations ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government do it themselves. No particular officer is in charge.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know who is the Government in this connection ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—As it is understood here; it is impossible to define it.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know who discharges the duties of the Government in this connection ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Diwan with the approval of His Highness the Maharaja.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know how many vernacular journalists were invited ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any lis regularly kept by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it not for each occasion?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We prepare the lists on the basis of the old lists with alterations wherever necessary.

Small-pox in Eriyad—measures to check.

419. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of small-pox attacks in the Eriyad village, Cranganur, for the last one week ending with 13th Kumbham 1108;

(b) how many in (a) died of the attack;

(c) how many vaccinators have been working there in the period:

(d) the number vaccinated there during the period with names and other particulars of the vaccinated;

(e) the total population of the village?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Five.

(b) Four.

(c) None.

(d) The question does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (c).

(e) 9,833 according to the last Census.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(b) May I know how the 5th man survived?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Nature helped him.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Thank God, and not the Government. (c) May I know why?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Because there was an urgent call that week from two other villages Parjaram and Kizhakkummuri and the vaccinator was sent there.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—When four deaths were occurring, it was an urgent case.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The vaccinator was absent from the station only for four or five days as his work is vaccination.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In the meanwhile did not four die?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That cannot be helped by the vaccinator being present.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether anybody was vaccinated subsequently to that?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

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